

To Whom It May Concern:

In late Spring of 2006 my life consisted of farming and ranching and generally appreciating and enjoying life at the end of a gravel road on a third generation farm. By the start of Summer, my relaxing and enjoyable life was turned upside down. It came to my attention that uranium exploration was taking place directly across from our home and pasture land. I had no idea at the time of the changes that would come to my household.

From town-hall meetings such as this, to the formation of special interest groups, to the seeking of legal counsel, there have been countless hours spent on fighting this very worthy cause.

I have been personally and directly affected by this uranium issue in four specific ways:

1. My water supply has been directly affected from the inception of this project, resulting in the necessity to have bottled water brought into our home from Victoria at our expense, due to our poor water quality.
2. The uncertainties concerning long term outcomes with this project make it impossible and dangerous for our family to continue living so close to the exploration site, yet financially we are unable to move as we still hold a mortgage on our home.
3. My daily life consists of spending countless volunteer hours on the phone, making trips to Victoria, painting signs, and soliciting funds from other individuals who are just as concerned about bringing awareness to this issue as I am.
4. Lastly, the stress level alone from being forced into this situation with absolutely no warning and no way out, will continue to be the cause of extreme unhappiness and I am afraid can lead to physical and emotional disabilities. I also do not want my grandchildren exposed to potential harmful effects if this mining continues to go forth. This virtually
5. eliminates the possibility of enjoying holidays, visits, and family time on our once peaceful and safe destination at the end of the gravel road.

This has been a long battle thus far, and I am afraid this is only the beginning. Please understand that the people in this room are facing genuine concern for their health and wellness and in no way have we as a concerned group acted with any ill regard for the law, and certainly in no way, shape, form or fashion are we a radical group wasting our precious time, money, and energy just for something to do.

Sincerely,

Luann Duderstadt